MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

The Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed for the victims of 9/11.

President Pucci: "Mary-Jo will you call the roll please?'

Clerk Banish: "Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Councilman Murphy: "Here."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."

Councilman DeMarco: "Here."

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Councilman Gallagher: "Here."

Councilman Magrey: "Here."

President Pucci: "Next we'll have the reading of the agenda. Approval of minutes from April 11, June 27 and July 18, 2011; public session; reports of committees, commissions and boards; Council reports; Mayor's report; directors' reports; public participation for agenda items only; request to advertise for bids for the Senior Center ADA for the Community Development Block Grant; Conditional Use Approval for 8707 Memphis Avenue; Resolution 2011-7, To accept the fact-finder's recommendations regarding the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Brooklyn, Ohio and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1145; Ordinance 2011-45, Authorizing transfers and advances during 2011; Ordinance 2011-46, Amended annual appropriations; Ordinance 2011-47, Establishing the Fire Act Grant Fund within the City of Brooklyn; Ordinance 2011-48, Approving a quick claim title transfer from the City of Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation for the sole purpose of developing the former library property located at 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio; Ordinance 2011-49, Authorizing the Mayor and the Chief of Police to donate abandoned bicycles and bicycle parts; other matters that may come before Council; adjournment. We also do anticipate an executive session to discuss matters of personnel and labor negotiations, so we will be taking our legislation out of order this evening. We will take Resolution 2011-7 at the end, so that we can then have the discussion and explanation from our counsel in executive session, and then come out and take action. And we need approval for the minutes. The first set is from April 11, 2011."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to approve."

Councilman Patta: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To approve, Kevin Tanski."

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"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

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Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

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President Pucci: "Next we have a set of minutes from our meeting of June 27, 2011. We need a motion to approve please."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to approve."

Councilman Patta: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To approve, Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Abstain."

Councilman Patta: "Yes."

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"Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "I was on vacation, abstain."

President Pucci: "And the next set of minutes is from July 18, 2011."

Councilman Magrey: "Move to approve."

Councilman Patta: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To approve, Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "Yes."

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Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Okay, next we'll have our public session. If anyone has anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please step forward to the podium, state your name and address for the record, and please observe our five minute time limit. If and when you get to four minutes and 30 seconds I'll give you a 30 second warning, and then you'll have to finish at the five minute mark."

Mary Lee Bowen: "Good evening everyone. My name is Mary Lee Bowen, I live at 4783 Tiedeman Road. As you likely know by now, applications for ballots to vote by mail are not being automatically sent to all voters for the upcoming election. You have to get an application yourself. You can get one at the Library, here at Brooklyn City Hall, or by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298. Voting is one of the most important rights that we have to enjoy, and we should all exercise that right. Again, you can get an application to vote by mail at the Library, here at City Hall, or by phoning the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298. Thank you."

From audience: "Mayor, may I ask permission to use that mic?"

Mayor Balbier: "Sure, go ahead."

From audience: "The reason I'm asking for a different mic is because the last Council meeting I was at..."

President Pucci: "Excuse me. Could you state your name and address for the record please Mr. Kinney? Thank you."

Bob Kinney: "Sorry, I'm Bob Kinney, 4208 Springcrest Drive. And for the record, my telephone number is 216-661-7334. The reason for the telephone number is, if by some chance you cannot understand what I'm saying tonight, you can call and I'll bring you up to date on anything that I may have said. I title this no unaccountable. I made reference to corruption in Brooklyn at 8300 Memphis, known as the Animal Shelter property. But when this property was purchased, it was valued by the county at \$125,000. The city offered \$345,000 because it would be advantageous to the location of the Fire Station. Well Mr. Petro and Mr. O'Malley wanted 500,000. The city refused. The city had to change the location of the Fire Station at an additional cost of approximately \$100-\$200,000. Then the city purchased the property for 335,000. And today that property is valued at 150,000. No one to my knowledge has been held accountable for this. And I do think that someone should be. The Fire Department and the city were sued for sexual discrimination. I believe the award was \$275,000. No one was accountable. Our landfill went from 20 years remaining to seven years, then to five years, then to zero years. No one accountable. City income tax, and I want to correct Mrs. Pucci regarding what I said last time, I said that I thought maybe it should have been 10% or 15%. No, it was increased by 25%. School taxes were increased also by 25%. No one held accountable. According to the Fire Department the schools did not have asbestos. The school has hired a certified asbestos removal company. I'd like to know why. Regarding a Councilman cheating on his taxes, I talked to the Law Director prior to this meeting, and he said well that's not his job. He said it's been remedied via the county. But this individual was cheating for 10 years. Why hasn't something been done? No one is accountable. I want to know how these candidates running for office this year can expect to be elected and

fix all of these problems that they have created over the past few years. I say again, no one is accountable. Thank you."

Bill Anderson: "My name's Bill Anderson, I live at 4338 Roadoan Road, Brooklyn, Ohio. Several things I want to bring up. I would like to, I don't want to start rumors, and I don't know if this is a rumor or not, so I've asked the Mayor directly and the City Council President to find out, am I hearing right by a certain party that Eaton Corp. may be closing now? And I'd like to know if youse could find that out, if you don't already know. That was a rumor I heard, and I don't want anybody saying I pass rumors. That's why I'm asking youse to find out. Again, on some of the things the gentleman prior to me said, I would like to know the same answers. Why aren't they being accountable? And why does somebody, if they cheat on their tax for 10 years, and I'll say Mr. Tanski, I brought up your name, so if you want to know who, it's you I refer to... You may have talked to Mr. O'Malley, but I'd like to see the whole paperwork that Mr. O'Malley gave you, if that is a fact. And I want to know why he allowed it without any charges being brought of any sort. And secondly, I hope what I heard, that someone is going to bring up about the dog pound, as I call it, I hope it's going to be brought up tonight like I was told it was. Otherwise next meeting I'll bring it up. Thank you."

John Pacek: "John Pacek, 4758 Roadoan. Tiedeman Road improvements, \$8 million, when the Plain Dealer went in. \$4 million again shortly thereafter. We spent almost another \$4 million now. Where are our right turn lanes? They use the same survey company to save money. They had the lowest bid again. I never seen anybody sitting there in lawn chairs and everything. They say that more cars go straight through headed north on Tiedeman than turning right east on Biddulph. Not the way I count. Maybe they use a different kind of math. I don't know. Why don't we have the right turn lanes? Gasoline's going up, and we impede and hold traffic up. Another topic that I've been working on for, I got involved seven or eight years ago when we went into NOPEC is, 8-4 school days, the right turn signs. On Biddulph and Ridge Road vehicles on Ridge can turn left, they've got a green light. Vehicles on Biddulph have a red light. Can't run right. Why? Both lights should be synchronized to work together. Are you telling me vehicles turning left going across the crosswalk couldn't possibly injure anyone? Only vehicles turning right that have a complete view of the crosswalk can injure a pedestrian? For years I've been trying to get Brooklyn to change the signs to 'no right turns 7-9 and 2-4 school days.' Is Brooklyn a progressive community? No. Even Progressive Insurance Company left Brooklyn. Haha, that's a joke. Traffic control loops. What is that? What are they? They've been around for over 25 years. Safety factor here. When do I turn vehicle lights on? Ohio state law says any time it rains, sleets, snows or conditions when you can't see clearly for 1,000 feet. Oh yes, and when your windshield wipers are on, as a safety feature. We start Council meeting pledging allegiance to United States of America and Washington, D.C. Yet many union people support financially the land of the rising sun, Tokyo, Japan, and the land of the morning calm, Seoul, So. Korea. So. Korea even named a vehicle for their capital city, a funny looking thing called Soul. Oh, by the way, they're not made in union factories, yet union people getting union wages and benefits purchase them. You should support your union brothers and sisters. Please buy American made products, preferably union made. This year we're celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, 1861-2011. Next year we're celebrating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Some naval battles were fought on Lake Erie. My wife's family had three... who were in the American Navy during the War of 1812. I'm proud of that. This morning at the intersection of Biddulph and Ridge, I watched a young boy wearing a backpack cross Ridge Road when the green light was in favor of the vehicles to go through. Then he ... crossed Biddulph against the light. Yet only vehicles are penalized? This young man apparently has no regard for his life. I've been talking about these subjects and writing letters for seven years. The only Councilperson that has answered every letter or phone call has been Richard Balbier. The rest, I don't know. Seven, eight postage stamps, 44 cents. I don't use the computer, even though I have one now, I'm learning how. But the reason I'm here standing at this podium is..."

President Pucci: "Excuse me Mr. Pacek, you've got 30 seconds please. Thank you."

Mr. Pacek: "Okay dear. I never got any results from mail, sending mail or phone calls. I feel as though I'm wasting my time even being here today, because Brooklyn is not a progressive community. They don't want to make any changes. It's like this sheet of notebook paper. You see all these blue lines? Term after term after term with people going here, same old thing."

David Kuhr: "David Kuhr, 4544 Memphis Villas So. I'm here tonight on behalf of my 13 year old son Masen Kuhr and his fellow Boy Scouts of Troop 319, sponsored by the Brooklyn Fire Fighters. During the next four to five weeks the members of Troop 319 will begin installing storm drain markers, exactly like the

one I have in front of me, on curbs next to storm drains throughout the City of Brooklyn, after the Scouts complete an initial training and placing session with City Service Director John Verba. When the markers are installed in curbs, the Scouts will also distribute to the front doors an information brochure for residents, informing them about this and raising awareness about storm drain dumping. The storm drain markers, installation, and the information brochures will not cost any money to the City of Brooklyn. My son and his Scout Master, Assistant Scout Master Ken Szabo wrote a grant after attending a Soil and Water Conservation seminar held this spring at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. One of the booths at that event presented information on the dumping of toxic items in storm drains, which lead to the inspiration of this product. The Scouts are excited about beginning this project, and they're looking forward to doing a good job for the City of Brooklyn and its residents. In addition to which I'm also going to, on behalf of the Brooklyn Music Parents Club, remind you that the Brooklyn Music Department is selling their discount cards. These cards offer discounts on a number of local restaurant server providers, such as McDonald's, Taco Bell, Skyline Chili, Dunkin' Donuts, and other retailers in the Old Brooklyn and nearby Parma area. As in the past years, the cards are being sold for \$10 each. This past Saturday the music students did a citywide door to door sale this past Saturday. If for some reason you were missed and still would like a card, you can obtain those at half-time at Brooklyn home football games. You can also get those at the Music Parents Club booth, which will be held at the Fall Fest coming up in a few weeks; and the Music Parents' booth will be open on Saturday and Sunday, we will not be there on Friday night because we'll be at the football game. You could also call the High School, music students still have those in their possession through the end of the week, and in addition I also have some with me. Finally, I live on Memphis Villas So., and our street is finally being repaired, after years and years, and we appreciate that being done on behalf of City Council. Residents are looking forward to that being completed. And just proof that it did need to be completed, over the Labor Day weekend, before the project started, the grass at the storm sewer nearest to my house was so high that in the one heavy gully washer we had the grass laid down over the top of the sewer, then the leaves covered over on top of it, and the water just started piling up until it was over the sidewalks adjacent to the street. And so, you know, being a civic minded person, I waded out in my crocs to about low ankle calf, pulled out the leaves, pulled out the grass, and got the street to drain. But my fellow residents on Memphis Villas So. and I are looking forward to the successful completion of this road resurfacing. Thank you."

Rob Slattery: "Rob Slattery, 4396 W. 62nd Street. For several months I've been coming up here, and I was kind of chipping away, making complaints about the Rec Center manager. Now he's finally been dismissed. The only question I have is, during his employment, when I made public records requests for his disciplinary record and everything, any file I got there was no disciplinary records in. Now I just got one the Law Director provided me with, and now that he's not an employee there was disciplinary records in there. So it has the appearance that the city was trying to do, cleanse his file while I was making requests. So I'd like somebody to respond about that. Brooklyn Animal Shelter. I was told that they were shut down this weekend due to they were overrun with ringworm. I'd like somebody to answer about that. I'd like to know if any of the volunteers, the students, or any of the school volunteers were informed that they could be exposed to this. And I also heard that the Police Station had a bad flooding problem, which they've had... I mean, I was here 10 years and we had it... Now the Police Station has a problem with black mold, and the officers are being exposed to that. I'd like to know what's going on with that."

Lou Changeri: "Good evening. My name's Lou Changeri, I live at 8972 Trial Run. And in answer to your question, sir, I stand on the corner of Ridge and Biddulph every day, five days a week. You want a right turn on red? They don't need arrows, because they make a right turn on red anyway. Whether the guards are in the walk, or the guards are not in the walk. When we're crossing kids it doesn't make any difference. You put a right turn on red arrow there, then you don't need school guards, and you're going to have to find a way to get the kids across that street, because people don't pay attention to them. Don't shake your head, I'm there every day."

From audience: "You didn't listen to me..."

President Pucci: "Excuse me. Excuse me. Mr. Changeri has the floor."

From audience: "Don't make a fool out of me, I didn't say what you said. Listen carefully, it's on paper there."

Mr. Changeri: "Okay. You might not know who I am, my name, but by, I'm one of the school guards who cross the young kids at the corner of Biddulph and Ridge Monday through Friday. This intersection has a sign at each corner through that says 'no right turn on red between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days.' Let me repeat that. 'No right turn on red between the hours of 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. on school days.' You notice my sign, and the signs of all the other school guards, say stop. I know it's not that hard to read. I've had a lot of people they can't see me. I don't know. You know, I have to have bright lights or jump up or down or something. That does not mean in the crosswalk, but behind the solid white line, as you can see we are quite visible by our safety green shirts, vests with reflective stripe. In my case, my safety green hat. And by the way, I also wear an orange rain coat with reflecting strips too when it rains, and I've been referred to as the living orange barrel on Biddulph and Ridge. We crossing guards are there to assist the school children, and pedestrians, across our respective corners, morning and afternoon, before and after school, We are the ones who, no matter the weather, who have the duty to cross your children safely; and I hate to think how one would feel if they would hit a pedestrian in a crosswalk. I would like to read Brooklyn city ordinances that pertain to your responsibility as licensed drivers. Ordinance 303.02, traffic direction in emergencies and obedience to school guards. It reads, 'No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any school guard vested with the authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic in the vicinity of the school to which such guard may be assigned. When such guard is in the street crossing that means you as drivers must wait until you receive the signal that says the school guard that now it is safe to proceed around the corner and the crosswalk.' Brooklyn City Ordinance 313.11. 'Right turns on red are prohibited on school days between the hours of 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. school days.' And these are at the following intersections. There may be more, but these are the ones where the school guards work. That's Ridge and Memphis, Ridge and W. 66th Street by the Library, Ridge and Biddulph, Biddulph and Roadoan School, Biddulph and Southwood, Memphis and No. Amber Drive, and Memphis and City Hall at the entrance to the Rec Center and rear of City Hall. There are about... These signs are all on all four corners next to the traffic signals. Now they're up high. Some of red and white, some are black and white."

President Pucci: "Thirty seconds Mr. Changeri."

Mr. Changeri: "I'm going to be a little bit longer, sorry. No?"

President Pucci: "No."

Mr. Changeri: "No? Okay. I will read all the ordinances. Okay, and I want to finish by saying please, please watch for our children, grandkids and the elderly citizens. You as drivers have to watch out, as children are not as safety conscious as we adults are. Also, school guards have families, and they will not be too happy if the family gets a call from the police that he or she is on the way to the hospital. Please drive like yours or someone else's life depends upon it. Thank you."

Kit Krause: "My name is Kit Krause, I live at 4764 Heather Lane. At this time I'd like to thank the Mayor, Council and residents for being up here at this time. I will represent tonight the Brooklyn Animal Shelter. I'll announce a few changes that were made in the past month, those being the president and vice president positions. I am now the president, and Deborah Shiroke is the vice president. It is an honor and a pleasure to do that for these innocent animals that we take care of. With this, as of Friday evening, we are temporarily closed. That to the public, because of the animals that are inside, of course, we still have to take care of those. There are six or seven animals that we have with ringworm. They are in isolated rooms, they are definitely put in isolated positions at this time, where no one has the ability to get near them, not even the volunteers, unless they're approved volunteers, unless they're experienced volunteers, and unless things are done very carefully and by policy and by the book. With this, we are also working very closely with the Health and Welfare Department, that being starting last Friday when we closed. My vice president spoke to them at that time; I spoke again today for well over a half hour, and I'm meeting again tomorrow morning with two of their people that they will be sending out. With that, that's three times in three days. We're working very closely to make sure that we follow the regulations and all the rules, that they're followed properly so we can get this done right. With this, while with the Brooklyn Animal Shelter, we are temporarily closed only to the public; we still have to take care of other animals that are in turn of course. But if anybody has any emergencies with their animals or with anything that goes on in the Brooklyn community, you can still call the Brooklyn Animal Warden. That's Jennifer Turner, and again her number's available through City Hall. And if you want to call the Animal Shelter we have that there too. With this ringworm, you might have heard that there's two adults with it out there, or that there's people out there

with this. Not that I know of. There was two in the past that had very small breakouts of that; both adults that I speak to regularly are both cleaned up, and they were both cleaned up and taken care of properly with the physicians and the proper things. So if there's any out there at this point, I don't know about that. With this also, and since last week, we don't allow any juniors in here with us to work with us. That's voluntarily. There is other times juniors, but they won't be allowed in there until we get rid of this, and get rid of this ringworm problem completely, fully, and again totally, with the policies, rules, regulations not only with us, but through the city and through the Health and Welfare Department. With this, there's also other volunteers that are needed internally. And I'll go over a few numbers of the past few years, since this group did break out and do one heck of a job dealing with over 185 dogs and over 600 cats. So they don't just deal with a handful of a few animals that happen to have ringworm now, but again, we are going to deal with that. If anybody does have an hour here or there, or would like to come in, you will not be able to deal with this ringworm problem, we have it under control. But if you can walk a dog or help us with the cats, or come in and answer a phone in the office, or help us in any way, shape or form, there are always a number of things that do go on with this non-profit organization. And again, I'm glad to be part of it. Again, you can call me any time at 216-398-7283. That's my home number. So again, I'm glad to be part of that. And again, one more time, I'm at 216-398-7283. You can call for any information any time, and I'll be glad to speak to you about the Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Thank you."

Tom Adamski: "Tom Adamski, 9625 Melody Lane. My question is directed to Mayor Balbier and Mr. Verba. During the summer break we've seemed to have these hundred year storms that completely undulates the sewers in front of Sam's Club. And we have instance where so much water, that it ran over into the parking lot of Sam's, that was flooded, flooded inside the building, and also Tiedeman. I'd like to know if the city has approached the Sewer District on remedying this problem; and if so, what they intend on doing. Thank you."

Ron Van Kirk: "Hello, my name is Ron Van Kirk, I live at 10122 Manoa Avenue. I want to first pause and remember the victims of 9/11. I appreciate Councilwoman Pucci doing that at the beginning. I had the privilege of attending the 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Brooklyn fire hall yesterday, hosted by Chief Zemek. The video that was shown was very powerful, and showed evil's potential. Then later in the morning it was my privilege to have Mayor Balbier, Council President Pucci, Councilwoman Gallagher, Councilman Tom Murphy, and Fire Chief Zemek, along with several other Brooklyn residents and political candidates, present at my church, the Cleveland Baptist Church, as you remember that unforgettable time and took the time to thank our civil servants. Along with the Chief, all five mayoral candidates, several Councilmembers and several Council candidates chose to attend. It was a privilege to see all of us come together to remember, as we all did as Americans yesterday. It was truly humbling to have you all there; and on behalf of Pastor Folger, I thank you for attending. Oftentimes we take things for granted that we have in our lives. And I want to go on record as saying I'm very thankful for all of our civil servants that put their lives on the line each and every day. With the 10th anniversary of 9/11, it's a great time to remember the loss we experienced, but more importantly to teach the next generation about the evil that took place on that Tuesday morning. We must not allow the generations that follow us to forget what happened. We must truly remember. I love this country, and more importantly, I love this city. And I thank God for allowing me the privilege to call myself an American and a resident of Brooklyn. We so oftentimes get caught up in the political wrangling that goes on in Washington; and as evidenced by tonight, even the politics here in our small town, there is a time and a place for that. But like yesterday's anniversary, it kind of puts everything into perspective, of what truly is important, what really matters. The answer to that question is quite simple. It's people. People are what matter. I'm of the firm belief that you treat others the way you want to be treated. You care for everyone, even those that you disagree with. You keep an open mind of communication with your creator; you live every day to make the lives of those around you better. Let's face it, Brooklyn has been dealt some pretty severe blows financially over the past several years; however, if each citizen of our city, from the politicians to the city workers, to the renters, to the lifelong residents, would look out for the needs of each other, Brooklyn will remain a great place to live and raise a family. My hope and desire in the months and years to come is that we could all work together with fresh ideas to make Brooklyn a better place each and every day. Please take some time today, and the days to come, to remember 9/11. Think about how you felt on that day. Think about what your thoughts were when you saw our brave men and women running into burning buildings. And then thank a civil servant for what they do in our community. Thank you, and may God continue to bless this country."

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President Pucci: "Does anyone else have anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn? Okay, we will move forward then to reports of committees, commissions and boards. And we begin with Finance Committee, which is chaired by Mr. DeMarco."

Councilman DeMarco: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I just want to give everyone a brief update on where Brooklyn stands financially. When I joined Council in August of 2009, we were not in a great shape. But I'm happy to report, as we sit here today, all the funds in the City of Brooklyn have a positive balance as of July 31st, and we anticipate that they all will have positive balances at the end of the year. We've created a Budget Stabilization Fund which, once the Ordinance hopefully is approved this evening, will have \$710,000 in the Budget Stabilization Fund. So we made a lot of progress. We certainly have a lot of work to go. But I appreciate everyone's efforts. The Finance Department, our employees for the sacrifice they made, and I want to congratulate the Council for some of the work they've done. At a meeting this evening we had a request to advertise for bids for some work to be done at the Senior Center. The Finance Committee recommended Council approve that. The Finance Committee also recommended Council approve a Conditional Use Approval for property located at 8707 Memphis Avenue. The Finance Committee also recommended Council adopt Resolution 2011-7, to accept the fact finder's recommendations regarding the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Brooklyn, Ohio and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1145. We also recommended Council adopt Ordinance 2011-45, Authorizing transfers and advances during 2011. We also recommended Council adopt Ordinance 2011-46, Amended annual appropriations. The Finance Committee recommended Council adopt Ordinance 2011-47, which establishes the Fire Act Grant Fund within the City of Brooklyn. And the final Ordinance, 2011-48, the Finance Committee recommended that Council adopt approving a quit claim deed title transfer from City of Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation for the sole purpose of developing the former library property located at 4480 Ridge Road in Brooklyn. And that completes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Public Works, which is chaired by Mr. Magrey."

Councilman Magrey: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Good evening everyone. We got several street improvement projects completed over the past three weeks. Forest Edge was completed. They are currently working on Elizabeth Lane. I did speak to Mr. John Verba, our Service Director, he's going to give a detailed report on Tiedeman and the other streets. And that completes my report. Thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Public Safety and Environmental, and that committee is chaired by Mr. DeMarco."

Councilman DeMarco: "There has been no meetings, so I have no report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Legislative Update, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Diversion, Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "The Domestic Violence Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 28th at 7 p.m. in the Brooklyn Senior Center-Community Center. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Planning Commission, and our representative to that Commission is Mr. Patta."

Councilman Patta: "Thank you. Good evening. The Planning Commission met over the summer in July, August and September. The highlights of some of the meetings: We had a Conditional Use request from Bat West, LLC, which is a baseball training facility, which is going to be located at the old unfinished church, 8707 Memphis. Council will also be voting on the Conditional Use approval this evening. We also approved new signage for Key Bank; and also approved a lot split for city property near the old library. And Council will be voting on transferring some of that property this evening in Ordinance 2011-48. And we also approved the plans for a new Huntington Bank building, which is going to be located on the corner of Memphis and Ridge, and that's being constructed now. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Ockington."

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Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that was scheduled for September 15, 2011 in Brooklyn Mayor's Court has been cancelled due to lack of applications. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Recreation Board, Mr. Tanski."

Councilman Tanski: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The Silver Sneakers fitness program is up and running. There is a pamphlet at the Rec Center with questions and answers about the program and how it works and what residents have to do to get signed up. The City of Brooklyn Recreation Department also sent out a fall/winter and spring pamphlet to all residents to show what's going on in the Rec. Also on the back of the pamphlet is information on the Silver Sneakers program. It has a phone number and the website for residents to inquire about the program. Acting Director McGinty can update us, can you update us, on any additional information on the Silver Sneakers program? Also, can you update us on the chillers. I believe both are down and not running."

Mgr. McGinty: "Inside the brochure there is all the information for Silver Sneakers, and if anybody needs any information they are more than welcome to call me at the Rec Center at 216-351-5334. As for the chillers, both chillers are down right now. I am still working with Mr. Verba. We have to get approval to take it out to bid. And in the next couple months we will have that information out to you guys so we could get the chillers up and running, or the new chiller installed into the Rec Center. Any more information you need?"

Councilman Tanski: "Do you know when exactly that new chiller will be put... I mean, it's up for bid, is there a time limit..."

Mgr. McGinty: "It's not up for bid. We have to get a couple more things from the architect that gave us the information on it. And I don't know, Mr. Verba has all that information, he might give you more information on the chillers. From there then it has to go out to bid. You guys have to approve it first, then go out to bid, and then we have to have, it has to be fabricated. So it's going to be a little while. But it's the air conditioner units to the facility, so as long as it stays cool outside we should be okay."

Councilman Tanski: "I believe the ice is doing most of the cooling down then, correct?"

Mgr. McGinty: "That is correct."

Councilman Tanski: "Thank you. The next scheduled Recreation Board meeting will be held on September 19^{th} at 6:30 at the Mayor's Court Room. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is the School Board liaison, Mr. Murphy."

Councilman Murphy: "Thank you. As you have heard, from Mr. Changeri, that school's back in session. The next School Board meeting will be the 20th at 6:30 at the High School."

President Pucci: "That completes your..."

Councilman Murphy: "That completes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we'll move on to Council reports, and this evening we begin with Mr. Murphy.

Councilman Tom Murphy: "I wanted to take a minute to at least advise everybody here of a great American, not a city resident, but a great American. Somebody impacted the people in the City of Brooklyn, his name was Sal Calandra, or Sam Calandra, if anybody knew him. He was really a big shot in my eyes. And I know that certainly Tony knows him. He was a judge in Juvenile Court. Just a great guy. Friend to many in Brooklyn. Ran St. Rocco's, or was down at St. Rocco's all the time. He passed, his wife lives on, as does the St. Rocco's festival. A great guy.

I also wanted to mention Firefighter Mochan, who works with burn unit people. He was in the Plain Dealer, I believe front page of the Metro section not very long. You know, we just hear about, you know, civil servants and employees, and most of the time you just get complaints. This guy on his own time is doing stuff. He's not the only firefighter, not the only police officer, or service worker that's doing this; he just happened to get recognized. But kudos to him.

I had an opportunity to call the Police Department just before the repair on Memphis Villas, and complained that they put the construction vehicles in the circle on Sunset Oval, on the one side. Unfortunately you can't see on that side. The light doesn't shine on that side. I called up and complained and was told twice by the dispatcher there's nothing they can do about it. I of course disagreed with that. The next morning I called, and a young man, he has to be a rookie, he came out, his name is McQuaid. Came out, took one look at it, and says, you know, this is a problem. I said yeah, it's a problem. Came out with two barrels in 10 minutes, put them out there with the lights on top of them. Not a problem at all. So Chief, if you get an opportunity to tell Officer McQuaid, he did a nice job.

The heavy rains. First call I got on the heavy rains was a tree down on a garage on Roadoan Road. I did call, eventually called Mr. Ockington and Mr. Verba. I did call the storm water, let's see, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, they sent two people out. I did call the storm water people, they did come out too. All of them looked at it. The truth is, that's kind of private property there, but a tree did land on a garage. As it works out tonight, both parties are here, and with a handshake, I think that tree is going to be resolved. It doesn't have to go to court, nothing like that. Thank you very much for both people talking to each other. Common sense gets it done. But Mr. Ockington, thank you very much for coming out. There'll be a report to you, to Mr. Verba, and to the Mayor. I told the Mayor that there'll be a report from these people, to see if we can abate or mitigate some of the water flow that's coming down through the city park and behind those homes. That it's not city property, I understand that. But I think we must at least take a look at it, and see if there's something that we can do. These suggestions will go to the Mayor, and then he'll bring them to Council.

The streets, Memphis Villas is the next street over from me, they're doing a great job. I was up on Elizabeth Lane. A little bumpy, a little dusty, getting done. It looks great. The Service Department and the construction crew we have are doing a great job. Again, Mr. Changeri, school is back in session. I'll echo his words. Please be careful. These children are our number one asset.

I want to revisit, and Council I'm sure will revisit, I think we have the votes now, to look into the one-arm trash trucks, if you will. I looked at it, and with my easy math, I think it's a one, or three to five year pay back on the trash trucks, if we get these trucks. I know we have some money in the budget. But we should be looking at that. We have a small amount for a truck. But I think if we look at this thing, and we get a little break from some vendors, we might be able to do this. They do 1,000 stops a day. And we can do this. And it's not going to be a big problem.

Miss Bowen, I did pass a note. I thought that We Are Ohio is going to be sending applications out for vote. I sent a note down to Colleen, I thought maybe Colleen would know and could back me up, but she doesn't know either. That just might be a rumor I'm getting. I'll check into it, and by the next meeting I'll let you know whether We Are Ohio is going to send applications. If they do they will only send them, I believe, to past voters. You know, somebody that's on the list from voting past.

Mr. Kinney, it's curious about the landfill, how it goes from seven to 10 years to none. I don't know what to say. I wasn't here at the time, but it's real curious. The Animal Shelter, I didn't know about the Animal Shelter. But I started checking into it last week. And I understand this thing has been going on for about 10 months, on and off. Now to be completely honest about this, I don't think that this ringworm thing has never happened before anywhere else. I think if you have an animal shelter you probably, on occasion, have something like that. However, it's been a plague problem down there. It's really been a big problem. I don't know if it's a matter of numbers, the number of animals they have there. I think that they have at least 50 cats in that facility right now. And I don't know whether it's a matter of numbers or not. But because this city had a meeting four months ago, and told them about it, and told them about solutions, I thought that at least our service workers, the people that work for the City of Brooklyn, should know about it. They were never told. I also feel that the schools should have been advised. Give the parents and the kids an opportunity to know that there's a potential problem there. I believe a sign should be posted. The Health

Department just didn't appear. They came out Friday. I didn't call them. I suppose I should apologize for that. Mr. Kraus said it's going to be handled. I hope that it is. That it's closed I think is a good thing, to get it cleaned up and start anew. I don't know that there's any policy and procedure, but I'm really hepped up about if a kid's going to work in there, parents should sign some piece of paper that this could be a problem.

Mr. Anderson, I don't know, asking about the Eaton Corporation moving. Mr. Pacek, on the Plain Dealer, I too believe that there should be right turn lanes at the Plain Dealer going onto 71, or 480, at Steak-n-Shake going onto 480, at the empty lot coming out of Tiedeman. I don't want you to think I have my head in the sand about people being stacked up on Tiedeman Road at 5:00. They're leaving, they're going home. Most of the Brooklyn residents know don't go up there, you know, not at that time. It's a parking lot. I know, I've done it. And of course, with Tiedeman Road being done, and by the way, they're doing a great job, it's worse. I do happen to agree with you about union cars, or union vehicles. Mr. Kuhr, the storm sewers, I think I addressed that. I'm really happy... That's a very nice sign, about the storm sewers. I'm glad the Boy Scouts are doing something about it. And if you stick around, I think I want one of those coupons. Mr. Slattery, I think I've covered everything, except the Police station. I didn't know there was a mold problem in the Police station. I'll check into that, as I'm sure others will. Mr. Van Kirk, thank you very much, and the Brooklyn Baptist, or the Cleveland Baptist Church. I was going to take ownership of it. That was a very nice ceremony yesterday, and I appreciate it. That's all I have."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Mr. DeMarco."

<u>Councilman Tony DeMarco</u>: "Thank you. Councilman Murphy, I appreciate your comments regarding Judge Calandra. He was an extremely unique individual. Gave his life to St. Rocco Parish, which is not in the City of Brooklyn. But as I've said several times, I'm a big believer in tradition, and we have a bunch of traditions at St. Rocco that have been going on for a lot longer than I've been around, and he's a big part of that, he was a big part of that, so is his wife. I'm not sure if you're aware, the City of Cleveland rededicated part of Fulton Road in his honor, and actually in Marie's honor as well, so we have Calandra Way down in front of the church now. So it's a great tribute to him, and I wish the world had more people like him. So thank you.

It seemed as though many people agree with me that we need a full time economic development director. And I know you guys are probably getting sick of hearing me talk about this. But realize that this is only one piece to a successful strategy. You know, we need a comprehensive plan to manage our economic development activity. What types of businesses do we want to attract here? What will we offer them to come to our city? How do we pay for it? Who will manage the person? At this point these are all unanswered questions. And what I'm simply trying to say here is, we need a comprehensive plan; simply bringing on a full time economic development director won't drive business to the City of Brooklyn. In terms of economic development, I had a chance a couple weeks back to meet with Councilman Kevin Kelly in the City of Cleveland, Ward 13, which butts up to the City of Brooklyn here, and if any of you follow this, about two years ago he got funding for a wi-fi project for his entire Ward. So I want to meet with him and find out how that all worked; the good parts of it and the bad parts of it. It was interesting and enlightening, and I appreciate him spending the time to educate me. This is an economic development tool that I'd like to see the City of Brooklyn consider for our entire city. Not only will it attract businesses to our town, but it will offer across the board equality for all of our children to have internet access capability. In addition, I think we should look at establishing an economic development fund to, again, help attract businesses to our town.

As far as the street repair projects, I've been over on Richard and Sunny. Mr. Verba, I've commented on Forest Edge. I think they're doing a heck of a job. It seems very organized, and they seem like they're doing good work. So let them know to get the rest of these projects, these streets, done before the weather gets too bad

Mayor, just real quick, or Mr. Verba, if someone could tell me where we're at with trying to replace the roof at the Historical Society, I would appreciate it."

Mayor Balbier: "Mr. Verba's going to give a report."

Councilman DeMarco: "Okay, great. I can tell you that conservations and level due diligence are still ongoing with several parties as it relates to the American Greetings' property and its potential for

development or redevelopment. I am firmly committed to working with all parties involved to create the right mix of tenants, etc. so we could bring to Brooklyn a fantastic development project, badly needed jobs, and exposure for our town. And finally, on an extremely sad note, it's very personal for me, I want to send my deepest sympathies out to the Benevedes family on the passing of their son Roger. He was a friend of mine, a wrestling teammate, and just an overall great guy that will be sorely missed by many people that he knew. And that completes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Mr. Patta."

<u>Councilman John Patta</u>: "Thank you. I attended the 9/11 memorial at the Fire station. I want to thank the Chief for conducting that ceremony. It was very moving and it was well attended. I want to also echo Mr. Changeri's comments, to please remember the school is back in session. Watch out for the children, especially during the morning, and in the afternoon when school lets out. And finally, I have talked for the past several months about the Business of the Month. I've talked with the Mayor about that, and he'll be discussing it either this meeting or the next one; and we anticipate starting the Business of the Month program probably in October. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Good evening. Thank you Chief Joe Zemek for hosting the memorial service to remember the victims who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 at the Fire Department. At the beginning of the service the Chief made it clear that his was not about the Brooklyn Fire Department, but it was for those who were killed on 9/11. As the Chief remarked poignantly, we can't forget that day, it changed all of our lives forever. I also would like to thank the Boy Scout Troop 319 who served as the Color Guard. After the Fire Department concluded the Mayor, Councilmembers, and dignitaries were invited to the Cleveland Baptist Church for a civil servant appreciation 9/11 service, as Ron Van Kirk stated. Following the service, the membership provided a lunch to say thank you. I'd like to thank Pastor Kevin Folger, Ron Van Kirk, and the Cleveland Baptist Church membership, and extend my appreciation for their continuing commitment to the City of Brooklyn. Also, Sunday, September 28th, Brooklyn's annual community picnic, sponsored by the Brooklyn Democratic Club will be held. We have lots of door prizes donated by many of our businesses and lots of great food. If you have any questions you can contact our club president Bob Kinney at 216-661-7334. I'm sure he's been working to make this year's picnic another huge success. And that concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Mr. Magrey."

<u>Councilman Joe Magrey</u>: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. At the risk of repeating things, being towards the end, we tend to do that with long meetings. I too would like to talk about September 11th and the 10th anniversary. I attended yesterday's Sunday morning ceremony at the Brooklyn Fire station. I'd like to thank Fire Chief Joe Zemek and the Brooklyn Firefighters for opening their door to us. It was well received. And special thanks also to the Boy Scout Troop 319 for their respect given to the flag. These gentlemen, you could tell they practiced, and they did a very good job. So please convey our appreciation. Brooklyn residents appreciated that.

I was unable to attend the Baptist Church function because I was attending church at St. Thomas More at that time; so Ron, I appreciate the invitation. I also attended a ceremony at St. Thomas More last evening for September 11th. And this prayer service was hosted by the St. Thomas More high school youth group. It was a very well thought out presentation from that group also. On September 11th we remember the victims of this horrific crime against humanity. It's time that we think about what happened. We reflect. We think about the police, our firemen, our service men, that because of this event have gone. And it's a very touching thing. I believe every one of us in this room today probably either have someone directly related or know someone that was involved in one way, shape or form, because of this event 10 years ago.

On a lighter note, St. Thomas More will be presenting the Pumpkin Fest 2011 as a clambake that's being held on Saturday, September 24th from 6-11 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Advance ticket sales are at the rectory or at the school office. There is a clambake, a dozen clams, corn, chowder and more; and for the kids they have \$5 for hot dogs, chips and a drink. Condolences go out to two people that were very active in the

Brooklyn Democratic Club, over the past few months they passed away. Mary Sidowski and Ed Demyan died recently. And their loss is a loss to Brooklyn.

I'd also like to thank the people that came up to speak tonight. Your participation, I believe, is always very important. So I'd like to thank Mary Lee Bowen for reminding people about the Board of Elections, the applications for the pickup. Mr. Kinney, as far as accountability on the landfill, I can tell you that, as a Councilman, I was as shocked as everyone else when the EPA decided to pull rank and close the landfill. So if you have any questions on accountability, that's where the responsibility fully lies; because I think everyone here on Council, and the Mayor, probably feel the same way. We would love to have that landfill open, but unfortunately when the EPA does something it's usually locked down tight. We're making efforts now to try to change that; but when you're working with the federal government, especially at the EPA level, those resources move extremely slowly. Mr. Anderson, I'm not sure about rumors, so I can't really can't comment about a company leaving. Mr. Kuhr, I appreciate you and your son and Ken Szabo getting ahold of me. I'm glad we could have a meeting with Mr. Verba over the summer months to talk about the early planning of the storm drain markers. It's a great idea. I look forward to seeing those. And hopefully if it stops people from dumping into a sewer drain, we will all be better off.

Mr. Slattery, some of your comments were already answered. As far as the Police Station flooding, I did not know about that. I happen to become... I came here this weekend with my wife, and mentioned the last time I took a tour of the Police Station it was simply deplorable. The basement is in a very bad condition. We've spoken on Council a few times about going through and doing another tour. I think that's long overdue. We're, as far as I'm concerned, we're probably looking at a very expensive bill, and right now with the city's finances that's difficult. But that's something we should definitely look at, because the conditions are bad. I'm unfamiliar with the mold issue; but again, I know the conditions are bad there, and other members that have walked through there know that also. Mr. Changeri, it's dangerous crossing where you're at. As a pedestrian I've done that many times. And you're absolutely right, that slide right on red is bad. I've almost been hit a few times, and that was even before I was on Council. So I'm sure that continues to be a problem, so take care there. Thank you. Mr. Kraus, I appreciate your volunteer work again in Brooklyn, and now in this capacity. I'm sure it's a new area for you as president. Good luck. I'm glad to see that you've taken the responsible steps to try to stop the ringworm and protect not only the animals, but also the volunteers.

There's a couple more comments here, and unfortunately they're going to be lengthy, in regards to the State of Ohio. Our country's national recession has had a firm grip on our country since 2008. unemployment over 9%, it appears it may take years for jobs to recover. If you haven't heard about what's going on in Columbus at the Statehouse lately, I urge you to start paying attention. If it sounds like I'm going to get upset about this, I should be, and so should you. Putting it bluntly, the people of Brooklyn and northeast Ohio are getting the shaft from Columbus, and it's only going to get worse. Do you remember when the State's CAT tax and how the municipalities like Brooklyn lost revenue? That hurt Brooklyn. You probably already heard about Issue 2, the issue opposing Senate Bill 5. Our police, fire and teachers have already made concessions in the wake of local budget cuts. On top of this, less money will be coming from the state. Hold on, there's more. Much more. And I really can't make this stuff up. The State of Ohio announced it wants to take control of local cities' tax revenue. If this proceeds in the State of Ohio, local governments like Brooklyn will be victim of a money grab. Recently, on August 31, 2011, the Plain Dealer had an article, and we should all be upset about this. I'm going to paraphrase some of the parts, but I believe what I'm reading are important things, in case you didn't know about this. The title of the article is 'Northeast Ohio municipal officials in battle with Governor John Kasich. Mayor's across Ohio wonder whether Gov. John Kasich has declared war on them. They spent the first half of this year battling Kasich and other Statehouse Republicans over a state budget that slashed local government aid by 34% and put a pot of their funding from utility taxes nearly in half. The same budget in 2013 will take away an estate tax that funnels 80% of its revenues to local governments. And now...', the article continues, '...and now Kasich administrative officials are floating a plan to take over municipal income tax collections, which local officials think will end up nipping at their bottom lines again.' End of article.

And now, Brooklyn residents, this came out on September 8, 2011. Another article from the Plain Dealer, and I'm going to take a drink, because this one has me riled up also. 'Ohio Senate staffers get pay raises while others cope with state budget cuts.' And this is the article. 'While local governments across Ohio consider layoffs and other ways to cope with recent state budget cuts, Ohio Senate leaders have handed out sizeable pay raises and bonus checks to several staffers. The raises, retroactive to early January, range from

4-33% and were given to 19 workers from both parties. Republican Ohio Senate President Tom Niehaus defended the increases, saying they were approved to keep his most dependable workers from leaving for other jobs. But Cleveland Police Patrolmen Association President Steven Loomis calls the raises hypocritical, given the economic climate and the fight over Senate Bill 5, which has scrutinized public workers' pay and benefits. 'I don't want to hear about how good the Chief of Staff is, or the pages sitting behind a mahogany desk, Loomis said. Anyway you cut it it's hypocritical. No one should be talking about pay raises anywhere.' Annual salaries were increased by more than \$10,000 for nine of the workers. The pay raises also come with lump sum payouts, some worth several thousand dollars for retroactive pay.' End of article.

Yesterday, September 10, 2011 the Plain Dealer's Editorial section wrote about this pay raise decision, and the article is titled, 'Bad time for Senate staff raises. Editorial. Ohio Senate President Tom Niehaus...', and this is what the Plain Dealer is saying, '...was among the Statehouse Republicans who voted for Senate Bill 5, aimed at curbing the bargaining clout, pay and benefits of public employees in the state. But no matter how bi-partisan or justified the Senate raises are, the timing and appearances are bad.' End of article. Residents of Brooklyn, I'm asking you to pay attention to what Columbus law makers are doing. They are hurting our local communities, and their actions need to be watched. If you are ever upset and wanted to write to an elected official, if you're upset about a school levy, a tax increase, or wanted accountability, I urge you, please, contact your State Senators, your State Representatives, and let them know how you feel. We are getting robbed here. Our money may not come back to Brooklyn. This could have a devastating effect to our bottom line. Law Director Scott Claussen, I would like to know if you could please draw up two resolutions for the Brooklyn City Council. One to oppose these Ohio Senate pay increases; and the other a separate resolution for Brooklyn City Council to oppose State legislation to take over municipal income tax collection. If you could have that ready for the next Council meeting I would appreciate it. And that concludes my report. Thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Magrey. Next is Mr. Tanski."

<u>Councilman Kevin Tanski</u>: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I want to welcome everybody back. I hope everyone had a great summer. As far as the tax situation, I have read the letter at the last Council meeting from Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office, and also spoke to Director Claussen. It has all been resolved back in June, per County Director O'Malley. Mr. DeMarco, I 100% agree about an economic development fund. I've always been a great supporter on bringing new businesses to Brooklyn.

Myself and Director Verba went out last week to see the damage done to the sidewalks by many overgrown trees and stumps. Myself and Director Verba have also received several complaints from residents. These trees are destroying our city sidewalks, creating a hazardous and safety issues, also future sanitary sewer problems. I have spoken to many residents about this issue and their concerns. The question they have is what the city is going to do about it. A high rate these trees continue to grow the problem gets worse. In some areas the roots are protruding out of the treelawn, making it difficult to cut the grass. Safety on the other hand of somebody stumbling on these buckled and raised sidewalks could be quite dangerous. Putting asphalt on buckled sidewalks is just making ramps, which does nothing to fix the problem. Mr. Verba, can you give us a plan on what strategy the city will take to tackle this problem? And I want to thank Director Verba keeping this a priority of your concern, and also for taking me out through the city to see all the affected areas. Again, thank you. And that concludes my report."

President Kathy Pucci: "Thank you. I too would like to thank Chief Zemek and our Firefighters for conducting the Memorial observance of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 yesterday, and also to our Boy Scouts from Troop 319. I wish more of our residents would have been able to attend. It did give us an opportunity to pause and remember those who perished. The Chief went through the numbers of passengers on the planes, victims at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and of course the police, EMTs and firefighters who died trying to save others. I hope we can do it every year Chief, I think it's very important that we hold it in observance so we never forget. There was also a very nice article in last week's paper about our firefighters who went to Ground Zero to assist the New York City Fire Department. One thing that was not mentioned was the fact that the firefighters who did not go, because of course in a city this size everybody can't go because then our city would be left unprotected; but those left behind volunteered to cover all the shifts of the firefighters that did go to New York City.

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Yesterday I too had the privilege of once again attending the civil servants day at Cleveland Baptist Church. And I'd like to thank Pastor and Mrs. Folger, and Mr. Ron Van Kirk for the invitation and their hospitality. We were warmly welcomed, shown appreciation for our efforts in public service, and had a very nice luncheon. So thank you very much, and I look forward to next year.

I do want to point out that at the next Brooklyn Board of Education meeting, which Mr. Murphy did announce is September 20th, there will be a presentation on the state report card. So if you're interested please plan on attending or watching it on television.

I have an update on our website. I had talked early in the year, the fact that our website was really obsolete, outdated, user unfriendly. And we looked at ways that we could update it. Well I contacted Mr. Ed Jerse from Cuyahoga County, he is someone who's in charge of regional collaboration. I asked him if this is something that the county would be able to assist municipalities with, because they have a very large IT department. He said absolutely, put me in contact with the right people, they came out, they sat down with myself and the Mayor's secretary, Jill Ludwig, and they're coming back to us with three conceptual designs for a new city website. And this is really going to save the city a lot of money, because instead of having to pay a private company, who of course wants to make a profit, the only thing we're going to have to pay for is the time of the county workers. So I'll keep everybody posted on this, but this is going to be a good thing for our city, and also a good example of regional collaboration.

I want to give everyone an update on the Safe Routes to School Committee. We did have a couple meetings over the summer. There is a website that is now up and running. It's www.getmovingbrooklynorg. And I just want to go through... I did announce that we received a \$71,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to implement some portions of our Safe Routes to School plan during this school year. We did receive funds, we are allocating funds for the Brooklyn Police bike patrol in response to safety concerns, and the expansion will include training of four additional officers, purchase bike equipment and associated gear for the four additional officers. And officers will be out patrolling during designated campaigns throughout the school year. Walk to School Week will be held October 3-7. This year's activities will include a bike round-up, which is a ride your bike to school; sneaker stampede, wear your tennis shoes to school; pony express, which is going to be the fathers' walk; giddy up, gallop to school; and junior deputy day, submit walking, biking, safety rules. And I would like to also thank Det. Cindy Eschweiler who has also been working on this committee with us, as it pertains to the safety and the Police Department. There's going to be a bike rodeo Sunday, October 2nd at Brooklyn High School from 1-4. The purpose is to learn how to ride your bikes safely. There will be classroom sessions, bicycle sessions, and a skills course. Giveaways will include a bike. The coalition will be purchasing updated equipment for both the city crossing guards and the student safety patrol at Brookridge. Crossing guards will be getting new stop signs, vests, and reflective winter coats. The student safety patrol will be receiving new belts, flags and ponchos. The coalition will be creating walking maps, which will highlight the newly designated safety routes in the City of Brooklyn. The maps will be on 3x5 cards of all the different routes you can take to and from school; or if you want you can take a leisurely walk through Brooklyn. Maps will distributed throughout the community to make people aware of the Safe Routes to School Project, and to promote the benefits of walking and biking in the community. And the final component of the grant money, the Safe Routes to School Program considers all travelers, students, and students with disabilities, skateboards, bike riders, and adults. The coalition would also like to open up the opportunity to those students who may not have the right gear to walk or bike to and from school. Families at Brookridge will be eligible to receive shoes and/or bicycle equipment through an application process. And there will be more information to come on that.

I'm going to have Mary-Jo poll all the Councilmembers over the next couple days so that we can schedule a work session in the next few weeks. We will address the automated waste collection, updating the recording system in City Council Chambers, and we will begin with a tour of the police station. This will be I think a big benefit to our newer members who may not be aware of the conditions down in the Police Department.

I would like to thank our firefighters for working with the city in negotiating a new contract. And I'd also like to acknowledge that in 2009 our firefighters delayed a raise that was provided for in their contract. And also in 2010 they gave back their raise and agreed to changes in our healthcare plan to save the city money.

Regarding Mr. DeMarco's comments about economic development plan and separate economic development fund, he and I talked just very briefly about a week and a half ago, and that was one of the things we talked

about, an economic development strategic plan and a separate economic development fund. We do have a provision in our Budget Stabilization Fund, because we did not know when we created the fund whether we were going to be providing incentives to American Greetings, so that Stabilization Fund, which initially we had intended to be a rainy day fund, does have provisions in there for providing economic incentives. But I would like to move towards designating that completely as a rainy day fund, and establishing a separate economic development fund.

My deepest sympathies to the families of a couple people who passed away over the summer. Ed Demyan and Joey Maloney. And just to briefly go through some of the comments from the public. About the landfill, I can tell you that I've always taken my role as like oversight very seriously. And several years ago when I noticed a lot of trucks pulling into the landfill, dumping dirt, and I also at the same time received questions from a couple residents who lived near the landfill, I went back there, saw mountains of dirt, became very concerned. I contacted the Service Director at the time, I contacted the Mayor at the time, expressed my concern, how much dirt we were taking in very quickly, where we were going to put it all. I was assured that it was necessary to take the dirt when it was available for free, because down the line we were going to need it, and it's better to take it when it was free versus paying for it. I asked if the EPA was aware of what was going on, and did they sanction it. I was told yes. The skeptic in me wasn't quite so convinced. I personally contacted the EPA on two occasions, spoke with the woman who was in charge of our district, and she basically echoed what I had been told by the Service Director and the Mayor, that yes, the city needs the dirt both for daily cover, and as they move from section to section. They were aware of what we were taking in, and it was perfectly fine, I didn't have to worry about it. You know, Council doesn't really get involved in the day to day operations; although certainly if we think something is amiss I think we have an obligation to check into it, which I did. We have people within the Service Department, we have oversight through Service Director, our former Mayor was a Service Director. We have a city engineer, we have an outside engineer that we pay, or we did pay, for services on our landfill operations. The County Health Department inspected every week, and the EPA came out regularly. So with all that, the professional aspect of it, I think that that goes beyond the oversight role of Councilperson. But I did what I could at the time.

Miss Migliorino, what Mr. Anderson mentioned about Eaton, if you could contact them tomorrow and see if there's any truth to that rumor. Mr. Pacek, when I received correspondence from you in the past I have called you. I didn't write you back, but I did call in the past. But I haven't received anything recently. But you may recall that after receiving correspondence from you and speaking with you on changing the turn on red signs from 7-9 and 2-4, I did bring that up on Council, but that was shot down. I think it was the Safety Director just didn't think it was a good idea to, they felt it was more confusing, that they thought it was better to have just the whole day. And I know that other communities do it quite successfully, because I drive through those communities. And I know other communities do have it where it's no turn on red just during the school hours. But I did bring that up. Mr. Kuhr, thank you very much for your dedication to our community, and leading the Boy Scout Troop. Thank you for your efforts in the storm drainage, the signs you're going to put on. These are much improved over what we did in the past. In the past we had sten cils. Mrs. Gallagher coordinated that with our Juvenile Diversion Program, and they sprayed it on, which of course that rubs off. So what you're doing is going to be of a more permanent nature, so I think that'll be very helpful.

And Mr. Verba, regarding the catch basins, I saw it was in the City of Westlake that they've actually lifted up the grates and they've put a material down, and then they put the grate back on it. So if something does slip through the grate, it actually doesn't go in the catch basin. Now, of course, the key to that is then the top has to be cleaned off pretty regularly. But if you could please check into that I would appreciate it. Mr. Changeri, thank you very much for your service. I know you didn't mention it tonight, but Mr. Changeri was actually hit by a motorist who was turning the corner as he was trying to cross some school children. So he takes his job very seriously, protecting the children. We appreciate that. And everyone, please be aware of our students as they're walking and biking to school, especially because we're trying to encourage more of them to bike and walk to school. I believe that completes my report. Next is the Mayor's report. Mayor Balbier."

<u>Mayor Rich Balbier</u>: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I have an awful lot to talk about tonight. Most of the questions were brought up by the public, and I'll be answering during my presentation here. And Mr. Pacek's right, I always returned his phone calls. I like to have a lively discussion with him. We don't always agree with each other, but we discuss the problem. The first I heard was this Eaton closing that Mr.

Anderson brought up. I visited Eaton since I've been Mayor a couple times, and they were doing very well down there. So this is kind of a surprise. But we'll check it out.

And I also want to thank the Fire Chief also for having his 9/11 presentation yesterday. And Mr. Van Kirk, at the Baptist Church, it was fabulous. It seems like July and August are the fastest months of the year, they went by so quickly. But a lot happened during the summer. And one of them, we finally, after a year and a half, we finally had our meeting with the EPA. And I learned a lot more about landfills than anybody has a right to know, but we went through it. We went down to Twinsburg and we met with the EPA, and they presented their case, and we presented ours. About 80% of the talk was between engineers and lawyers. It was quite lengthy; it went on for a few hours. The problem... There's enough blame to go around to everybody. First of all, the city has blame to take, because it looks to me like they didn't manage it properly with their dirt. And like Mrs. Pucci said, dirt seems to be the big problem here. It wasn't that we took in too much garbage, they kept covering it with too much dirt, and it took away from the life of the landfill. They took 69 core samples. And the way you're supposed to do it, you dig a trench. I think it's 20 feet wide and I don't know how deep. And then you fill it during the course of the week. And every night you can cover it with a tarp if you want, each night, and the last day you cover it with dirt. Well, over the 50 years we've had our landfill they've been covering it with too much dirt every night. And we found areas where, you dug a trench, and the next one should be maybe three feet from the other one, and we found areas where they were 15 feet apart. So the city's to blame for part of this. But the thing that gets me is that the EPA, like Mrs. Pucci said, inspects our landfill once a year, the county inspects it quarterly, so that's five times a year somebody's inspecting the landfill. Then we hired a private company to look out for our landfill for us, to make sure we did everything properly. And we had them working for us for about 10 years. So two months after I was in here we get notified by the EPA that we can't use our landfill, there's these different violations. So the two main violations were that we were over height. And I mean, it's like a few feet, like three feet or four feet too high, in two places. We contend that most of that is dirt, to begin with. The other big problem was, they said that we put rubbish outside the blueprint of the landfill. And it was a small area, where they were right, it was there. Because it was read wrong, and there was another area at the other corner that we didn't use. But the thing that gets me is, everybody inspected this all the time, and nobody caught this till 50 years later. I don't understand that.

Anyways, the EPA, which we all know stands for the Environmental Protection Agency, I think it was formed in the late 60s or early 70s, their only goal is to watch out for the environment. Our landfill is absolutely, has no problems with the environment. First of all, it hasn't been used for a year and a half. In my mind, when I picture a landfill that hasn't been used, you're picturing things sticking up through the ground, and maybe odors or rodents or something. Ours is absolutely nothing like that. On a scale of 1-10, a 10 was the best, Brooklyn's landfill would be a 10. There's no leakage. We have all the proper clay around it. There's no leakage. There's no methane gas. When I announced we were closing I had companies contact me, they wanted to buy the methane gas. I said there isn't any. So they went there, and we check all our meters. Once in a while it registers a little bit. There's not even any methane gas. It you go up to our landfill now after not being used for a year and a half it looks like a wildlife sanctuary. There's deer, there's turkey, there's groundhogs. And when I was going around, the one woman on Dawncliff complained the coyote chased her cat into the garage. There's no environmental problems. And that's what they're supposed to be, is the Environmental Protection Agency. So we had our meeting, we presented our case, like I said. They presented theirs. So we're going to have to wait. I hope it's not another year and a half. But hopefully they'll rule in our favor. And what we're asking is that we're allowed to go higher on our dump, and we're allowed to put rubbish where we were supposed to be putting it in the first place. And the other corner doesn't mean anything because there's no leakage and it's within our boundaries. That's what we'd like to do. But if they rule against us, then we have to fix all these things. We want to be able to take it out of our fund, where we have 3.9 million, in the Closure Fund. So that's the worst scenario. So I think we're doing very good up there. And I don't know what else we can do. I look at it like, when you make out your IRS report, if you hire an accountant to do your report, and then they notify you something's wrong, well you're held responsible, not the person that you had make it out. I think that's the way they look at us. Even though we had all these people doing these inspections and working for us, we're still responsible. So our attorneys are meeting privately with their attorneys, and hopefully they'll rule in our favor. But our dump is not an environmental problem at all.

I'd like to thank our Finance Director, Mr. Kennedy, and his staff. They turned out our CAFR, which is a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. It explains everything anybody could possibly want to know about

Brooklyn finances. And he did an excellent job as usual. I'd also like to bring us up to date on the new businesses that came into Brooklyn over the summer. That new McDonald's opened up at Tiedeman and Brookpark. And we had the ribbon cutting during the summer, I think it was on August 10th. The thing that amazed me, from the day they closed to the day they opened was a period of 90 days. In 90 days they tore it all down and built a new one, which I thought was pretty remarkable. The other thing is, this eyesore down the street, what was supposed to be the church, has been bought by a company called Up To Bat. They've been in Brook Park for 10 years, they had a good reputation, they had a good working relationship with the Brook Park Recreation Department, and they want to have the same thing here. And they understand, the reason they moved here, he wanted to buy the building in Brook Park, they wouldn't sell it to him, and he wants to own the building. So he's buying this one. And they understand they have to put the stone on the front, and do it all like the church was going to do it. And this company, they emphasized their focus is on youth sports, with an emphasis on baseball and softball. And they will work with our Recreation Department also. So we're glad to have that done. Also the Huntington Bank, it's been mentioned a few times, they're building there at Ridge and Memphis. So two of our biggest eyesores will be taken care of in the next couple of months.

I'd like to report on the storm damage we had in August. At least 25 trees were knocked down on city property. It's probably more than that, that's probably conservative. But we're using... I know five of them on my street alone came down on the treelawns. There were many, many branches that were knocked down. We had two CEI poles come down, one on Fairway and one on Ridge Road. The power was out on Elizabeth Lane. And the phones were out at City Hall for almost 12 hours. Now, including the Police Department, but their 9-1-1 system worked. And I had phone messages on my phone in my office, when they got the equipment backed up, they were all erased. So if anybody called me that day, I'm sorry I didn't return it.

And as you know, over the summer we had lots and lots of rain. The flooding we've had, like was brought up, was at Tiedeman and Brookpark, I went up there the one day, and to me, I'm an amateur at this, but I'm looking at it, it looks to me like Brookpark Road is acting like a damn, and when the water fills up there's not enough room under the road so it flows over the road. So we're supposed to meet with the county to see what could be done about it. But it looks to me, because I think it, let's pretend Brookpark wasn't even there, I think the water would flow down. It might flood its banks once in awhile, but not like it does now. Also, the biggest flooding we had, we didn't have any calls from residents about flooded basements, I'm sure there must have been some, but they didn't call City Hall; our biggest damage is in, like they were talking at the public thing, is downstairs in the Police Department. And this is really, I just don't understand it.

There's a sewer drain outside the one door, and it's outside, maybe 10 feet from the back door. And you would think when the water goes in this sewer it would run and connect into the ones in the parking lot and go out to Memphis. It doesn't. It goes back under the building, goes for about 150 feet under the building, then goes back out farther over here, and then connects into the sewers out there. We had private companies come in, and they put cameras through there, and they found where there's some breakage. We had to jackhammer up the floor downstairs to try to fix these problems. And it still wasn't working. We had the county come out a few times. We had all the sewers in the parking lot were vacuumed out. Finally the county sent out all their top people and then they put a camera through there. And they told me, it's a six inch storm line that runs underneath the building. And I asked them why would it be underneath the building, why doesn't it just connect into the other one; they said it probably all happened when you built your new building in conjunction with the old building and it's all messed up. So they put this camera through this six inch pipe and they found five inches out of the six inches there's a calcium deposit. So that means there's only one inch for the water to come through. So they put a drill through, and the drill couldn't break through. So they pulled that out and they went back to that drain I just told you about in the back, and they put that through. It went through about 90 feet and finally it hit something it drilled, and it broke this calcium lose. And I was standing with all these people with their computers who were over the sewer out here, and you could see the water just gush out. So hopefully they found the problem. We haven't had a huge rain since then, but hopefully we found it. But we had to tear up all the carpeting down in the Police Department, so you're looking at a cement floor. And then there is some mold behind some of the wallpaper near the floor. So we had to find companies that do this, and we finally found two. One of them came out last Friday. I said I want all the wallpaper downstairs torn out, the mold, wherever it is, I think there's only a little bit along the bottom, but wherever it is, we want it taken care of. Then we want all the walls painted. So this company is giving us an estimate from Friday; and I believe tomorrow the second company's coming in. So we are going to fix it. And I apologize to the police downstairs, because it's bad down there. You're

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walking on cement floors, and it's bad. And once that's all done and we're sure that this here unplugged drain is the problem, then we'll put in carpeting or tile, whatever the Police Department wants. But we are working on it, and we're all aware of it.

A few years ago we passed an ordinance, in fact I introduced it, that any flags the city buys has to be made in the United States. I think that's a good ordinance. So I just saw in the paper that the federal government finally caught up with Brooklyn, and the Senate passed a measure requiring American flags bought with U.S. taxpayer dollars have to be entirely made in the United States. And I think that's a good thing.

Mr. DeMarco has mentioned a few things about American Greeting, and I want to give you an update on it. As we told you before the summer break that they're going to move, but it's going to take about three years. And the film industry is very interested in that building, like you probably read in the paper. Mr. DeMarco and I have had meetings with them downtown, and the last meeting was a couple weeks ago in our city here. They're very interested in the property. However, everybody seems to forget, the City of Brooklyn doesn't own American Greeting, it's private property. So our Economic Development Director has gotten calls from developers that are interested in the property, and Fran gives them all the information we can give them, but then she refers them back to American Greeting so they can deal with them how they want to do this. But the film industry is still very interested in this. In fact, Ivan Schwarz, the head person, started telling me all the advantages of having movies made; and if they start making them in Brooklyn it would be a God send. And he told us all the money that was spent in Cleveland. Like they reserved 2,000 nights in hotels when they were making that Avengers movie. They spent \$150,000 just on gasoline. He went on and on and on. And then he was all proud, he showed me on his phone how they blew up E. 9th Street. I said well that's nice, but what about the street after you left? He said we had construction crews that put in a new street after they're done. He says their goal is always to bring it up to where it was before they started, or make it better than what it was. So fortunately you have three years to work here, and I think we stand an excellent chance to have a tenant in there by the time American Greeting moves out.

Mr. Patta came to me, and he mentioned it during his report, he suggested that we honor these new businesses that come into Brooklyn, or businesses that make additions on their buildings. So I think we're going to do that. Maybe our first one might be the bank. I have tons of monthly reports, but it would take me an hour to read them all, so I'm going to put them in a folder and I'll have them up at the front desk tomorrow if anybody's interested in looking at them.

Also, this Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Mr. FitzGerald wanted to try to settle the lawsuit between the cities and the Sewer District before it goes to court. It's supposed to go to court on October 31st. And I knew there was no way we could settle this ahead of time. When I went downtown to meetings and so forth, a lot of these cities have legitimate complaints about the Sewer District. As you know, I talked about this before we went on summer break, our sewer bills are going to go through the roof in the next few days, because they want to raise \$3 billion to settle this problem. There's a half a dozen cities that have legitimate complaints. Like the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District goes partially into Summit County. Well that group has a lawsuit saying how can you do this to us? Why would a business move in our city when our rates are going to go through the roof, when all you've got to do is move to the next city that's not in the Sewer District. All our businesses would move out. So they have legitimate complaints. Then there's cities like Strongsville and No. Royalton that had to put millions of dollars into their sewer systems, and they want credit for them, and I don't blame them for that. And then, I think it was Cleveland Hts. says this should even happen because the Title 5 says that whenever the Sewer District puts a raise into effect all the cities have to vote on it and that didn't happen. There's a half a dozen legitimate reasons. I don't know how this judge is going to even settle this thing. But it'll probably go to court on the 21st. They also have a manual, when they finally come out with this, it's called the Storm Water Fee Credit Manual. This is the manual, that's how thick it is. This tells residents what you could do to your home when this finally goes into effect. And if you do all these things you could bring down the fee that you're going to be charged for your storm water, you could bring it down 25%. I read this thing, it's super complicated. I can't see anybody doing this. You have to put in rain gardens, bioretention cells, vegetative swales, and all other practices that address the storm water at its source. And you have to make out the paperwork, and you have to renew it and show documentation every year. I can't picture the average person even doing this. And even if you did it all, it would lower your fee by 25%.

Another topic is our finances. Mr. DeMarco stated how we've improved a great deal. We have. Our finances are doing very well. But like we all know, if American Greeting moves, all of these finances could evaporate very quickly. Hopefully we'll get a tenant in there. And like I said, I think we will. But we're doing very well. We have a new Acting Rec Manager, Mrs. McGinty. She'll be taking over from this point on. The firemen contract is up tonight, and hopefully it'll be passed. You can't pass the contract tonight, we're going to, they'll vote on whether then can pass what the arbitrator said; and it they agree then the contract will come back and we'll pass it. If we pass this, in the next couple weeks that means all five union contracts have finally been settled.

I have a proclamation I was asked to write. I'm just going to read the last two paragraphs. This is 'A Proclamation to proclaim September 17-23rd as Constitutional Week in the City of Brooklyn.' It says, 'Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a Proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17-23 as Constitutional Week. Now, therefore, I, Mayor Richard H. Balbier, on behalf of the Brooklyn City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23 as Constitutional Week in the City of Brooklyn. And we ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, and remembering that lost rights may never be regained.'

Now the Animal Shelter. The Animal Shelter had a ringworm problem a few months ago. The city was made aware of it. They've had a change in personnel there. And they showed us that they brought in vets to take care of the problem, they've had medication to take care of the animals. And Mr. Kit Kraus is the new president, and he meets with me almost once a week, bringing me up to date. And it seems like everything was getting under control. And then we heard a report that two of the, one of the workers and another volunteer, may have contracted ringworm. So to me this brought it up to another level. So we contacted the Health Department, and Friday night they met with the people down there, and the Animal Shelter voluntarily agreed to close down the Animal Shelter to the public until this whole problem is taken care of. And I think that's the best thing they can do. And Mr. Kraus advised me he's met with the Health Department, he's going to have another meeting with them at 9:00 tomorrow morning. But at this point it's closed to the public. They have all the cats, as far as I understand, isolated, and they're washing everything down, and the Health Department's going to help them.

And as far as this community picnic that was supposed to happen on next Sunday, it's not going to happen. I heard rumors it wasn't going to happen. The Democratic Club usually put it on all these years, and a few years ago they asked us to make it a community picnic, because they thought a lot of people weren't coming because they thought they had to be Democrats to come to it, and this would have more people to come to it. However, it's not going to happen this year. The city's involvement with this is we gave them the Senior Center, the kitchen and so forth. But Mr. Kinney told me, for whatever reasons, it's not going to happen this year. So even though it's in our newsletter, it won't be this Sunday. And we put it up on our internet that it's going to be cancelled.

But there's a couple other items that are going on. The Chamber of Commerce is going to have their Fall Fest, and that'll be on September 23, 24 and 25 at Kiddie Park, and it's \$2 a person, and on Sunday's going to be family day. Also, the Historical Society has the Shunpike Shoppe on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th. They're having a drawing, and they have a lot of homemade products. And I think that is finally it. Yes, that's all I have Mrs. Pucci."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we move onto reports of Chiefs, directors and department heads, and we'll begin with Mr. Verba of the Service Department."

Dir. Verba: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I'd just like to commend the Boy Scout Troop 319 for receiving this grant. There were several roadblocks in the process, but they never gave up in attaining the approval to go forward. I would personally like to thank Masen Kuhr for his persistence in getting this project in motion. Just an update on the Tiedeman Road project. They are currently working on adjusting the castings, sidewalks, curbs and ADA ramps. They should be done with the southbound lanes by the end of the week, they'll open those up. It is estimated that the final layer will be put down by the first or second week in October. So we are definitely ahead of schedule. Updating the city's road project for 2011, we have completed Brook Lane, Richard and Forestedge, south of Biddulph so far. Elizabeth Lane will be completed in the next day or two. At that point they will then start Memphis Villas So. A conservative estimate is that it

should probably take 14 days for that to be completed, and when that is completed we will then begin on Dawncliff. Mr. Adamski, we have met with Sam's, the City of Parma, Metroparks... There's quite a few entities involved in the flooding over at Sam's. And just to let, we are working on that, and I'll let you know if we have any updates. Mr. DeMarco, the Historical House, I'm working with Mr. Kennedy, and we should have something by the next Council meeting on that. Mr. Tanski, the chiller, just to give you an update on that. After the bid is awarded, looking at about an eight week period for delivery. We're hoping to have that chiller installed by, at the latest, the end of February. Getting back to the sidewalks, if the sidewalk is damaged by a treelawn tree we'll take a look at it. I'm going to try to compile a list, we're going to rate the sidewalks. We're going to do our best to replace the most severely damaged ones. I just ask for your patience in this process. Unfortunately our concrete crew has an extremely heavy work load, and when someone calls off sick or gets hurt on the job, they're on the rubbish truck. So concrete work is shut down for awhile. Just to let the residents know, we've had a problem with our phones down at the Service Garage for, I think it's going on three weeks now. Hopefully Wednesday they will be fixed. But if you need anything before that time, just call City Hall at 351-2133. That's all I have."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is the Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The Building Department's been very busy this year with a small staff, but we've done our best to keep up. From January through today the Building Department has issued 726 permits, performed 393 residential and commercial construction inspections. There were also 198 complaint inspections and 159 violation letters issued today. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is the Police Department, Chief Tenaglia."

Chief Tenaglia: "Good evening. This is in reference to the Animal Shelter. On Friday, September 9th I received a phone call of concern about the ringworm up at the Shelter. I contacted Director Vincent Carafi at the Department of Health out in Parma and asked him to send a representative to meet with our detectives at the Brooklyn Animal Shelter about our concern, since this problem has been going on since last year. The representative found the facility to be clean, but however he states there was a lack of supervision and the knowledge of proper procedures for animal management. Tomorrow, as Mr. Kraus stated, the same representative and other will be meeting with him at the Shelter. They're going to do a walk-thru, and at this time the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will license the Shelter as a non-profit animal venue, and they, the Department of Health, will educate the staff on proper procedures, regulations and requirements for an animal venue. This permit will also require operators from the Shelter to implement adequate controls and measures for minimizing the public health and safety risks that are associated with animals in a public setting. Prior to our leaving Friday, we asked the Shelter if they would voluntarily close to the public for the weekend until we could resolve this problem, and they obliged us. And also to cease having volunteers that are juveniles on premise until we can get this resolved. And they also obliged us with that. Mrs. Pucci brought up about the Safe Routes to School. The Police Department went into contract with the Board of Health, the schools. One July 1st, with this grant, it'll run through the 2011-2012 school year, and will cease June 30, 2012. During that time, in the spring and in the fall, as we are right now in the fall period, we have two officers on bikes from the bike unit patrolling the school areas from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., and then from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The length of this patrol will be six weeks. And as you brought, there's grant money involved where we're going to be able to buy new bicycles. These officers that are in this unit would be sent to school, and any other miscellaneous things that we need, plus the overtime, will be recouped on a quarterly basis through this grant. And that's all I have."

President Pucci: "Thank you Chief. Next is the Fire Department, Chief Zemek."

Chief Zemek: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I'd like to start off by just thanking the Troop 319 for helping out and doing what they did yesterday. A great bunch of young men. Our CERT team is up and running. We have nine people, Wally's a member. We started doing the FEMA required classes Wednesday, August 17th, and we continue nine straight Wednesdays. And the group should graduate with their Community Emergency Response Training sometime around the second week of October. And it's pretty serious, it's under the Division of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency that they meet these requirements, so you could respond outside of the city, outside of the state, and actually across the country as response team members to assist responders. I'd also like to thank one of my part-timers yesterday for taking a truck with me downtown so we could participate in the 9/11 memorial service downtown with all the

county Fire Chiefs. Mr. Kinney, just a response to your comments. I never said that our schools don't have asbestos in them. That would be stupid for me to make that comment knowing the age of the buildings. What I did say was, if you recall, you came up and said that there were some open pipe chassis, open pipe coverings, and you felt those were asbestos. Well I went up and inspected those facilities, there was no asbestos in the open, those were just fiberglass wrappings. They did not endanger our children at all. I'm sure those buildings have asbestos, but it's not out in the open. So that's all I have. And thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Do you have any knowledge that you could explain to the public and Mr. Kinney about the asbestos management program that all schools have to adopt?"

Chief Zemek: "Yes. There is frequent inspections by the County Health Department. There's frequent inspections by the state. Requirements for school systems. I had to leave, and I have it written down from the last time I went to the schools. I believe it's four times a year. They did check for asbestos. Getting it out from where it is, the asbestos is fine unless you start messing with it, and you take down ceiling tiles and you start breaking apart insulation or asbestos, and then you have an asbestos release. But these schools have been inspected regularly, never have been found to have any asbestos. They showed me those reports when I was there. No asbestos problems. But age of buildings, of course, that was when it was used to insulate everything. So I'm sure that's why they're hiring an asbestos firm, and possibly doing some remodeling, or whatever's going on; but they do need to abate certain areas properly before. So that's what's going on."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is the Recreation Department, Mrs. McGinty."

Mgr. McGinty: "Good evening. Learn to swim and learn to skate registration was held this weekend. There are still openings for these classes. If anyone is interested in signing up for these classes please call 216-351-5334 for more information. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is the Finance Department, Mr. Kennedy."

Dir. Kennedy: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. As the Mayor referenced, the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report, I have hard copy versions of that report that just came back from the printer several weeks ago. If any member of Council or any member of the public would like one, just give me a buzz, 635-4204 and we'll arrange to get that to you. It basically summarizes all the financial activity for the city in the prior year. So the one that was just completed was for the year ended December 31, 2010. We have a couple things upcoming. I did mention in Finance Committee we have insurance proposals. That's for our property casualty. We'll file in October for a renewal for our retrospective rating with the Bureau of Worker's Comp. And we have the medical insurance renewal coming up December 1st for this year. So we're working on all that. And I will keep you informed. Thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is our Law Director, Mr. Claussen."

Dir. Claussen: "No report tonight."

President Pucci: "Thank you."

Mayor Balbier: "Mrs. Pucci, may I say something?"

President Pucci: "Yes Mayor."

Mayor Balbier: "My throat hurts from talking so much, but there was one item, when I was talking about the landfill that I thought was kind of interesting. I'm a nut on statistics. And I was talking to this engineer, and he says that Brooklyn's landfill, in the whole scheme of things, is like a grain of sand. He said he personally knows of 11 landfills in the State of Ohio that takes in more tonnage in one day than our landfill takes in in a whole year. So in the scheme of things, it's very little. And I found out that most of these rules that the EPA has were designed for huge landfills, where years ago they would fill them for years and years, and then when they were full, during the night the owners would move out and go to Jamaica or something, and then the government was stuck taking care. That's not going to happen here. We're a city, we're not going anywhere, and we take good care of our landfill. Thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we'll have public participation for agenda items only. If anyone has a question or comment on any agenda item this evening, please step to the podium, state your name and address for the record, and please observe the three minute time limit."

Bob Kinney: "Bob Kinney, 4208 Springcrest Drive. This is going to be in reference to Ordinance 2011-48. Approving a quit claim title transfer from the City of Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation for the sole purpose of developing a former library property located at 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn. During the course of the Finance meeting I did pose a question, because it appears that they have a prospective buyer for this property, for the purpose of improving and providing for employment. My question to the Finance people was, was this put out for bids. And I was told no, nor is it required because there's been an ordinance passed, I believe, back in '08 to allow such a transfer or sale to an individual without competitive bids. I'd like you to elaborate on that some more please."

President Pucci: "Does anyone else have anything to say, or a question or comment regarding anything that's on our agenda this evening? Okay, Fran, do you want to address it? Thanks."

Dir. Migliorino: "Good evening, I'm Fran Migliorino, the Economic Development Director for the City of Brooklyn. The City of Brooklyn has several parcels of property that are ripe for development. One being on Ridge Road right there at the old library, the former library. In discussions when I first came on board, it was decided to create a Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporations. Under the law in the State of Ohio, cities that are looking to develop properties that were public properties, but they're going to be transferred into private development properties, are allowed to create, as an agency of the city, a Community Improvement Corporation, that allows them as an agency to sell the lands that don't need to go out for bid. This particular property that is sitting on Ridge Road has been sitting there for 10 years. It is a library that has had some interest. Back I think in 2004, 2005 there was a bidder, not a bidder, a private entrepreneur who wanted to buy the property. For some reason the project fell apart. It has been sitting there. Today that building is abandoned, it's condemned, it's vacant, and it is falling apart. We have the opportunity, because we have a client that is very interested in developing that property into something that he feels, and you will see, that he feels will be a diamond for the City of Brooklyn. Consequently, in our discussions with our Economic Development Committee, it was determined that the best way to develop this property was to transfer the title of the property into the Community Improvement Corporation, which is an agency of the City of Brooklyn, that is allowed to buy lands, or to sell lands to private industry for development. Does that answer your question? I cannot share with you at this point what the purchase price is. We are negotiating that. I cannot share with you the particulars of the deal, until the CIC does not have authority over this property, until it is transferred to the CIC for its authority to negotiate. And that's what I am requesting as the Economic Development Director, to have the CIC, which I staff, the authority to develop this property."

President Pucci: "Thank you Mrs. Migliorino. Thank you. And I would just add to that that in the legislation there is a provision where, if this development does not come to fruition by December 31st of this year the property reverts back to the City of Brooklyn. Okay, the first item is request to advertise for bids. 'Dear Mayor and members of Council. I respectfully request authorization to advertise for bids for building, plumbing and electrical for the Senior Center ADA Accessibility Improvements Project. Herman Gibons Fodor, Inc., as architect, will amend the original plans and assist in the preparation of the bid specifications for the project. This project will be funded with a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant, with a total estimated cost of \$96,600, including architect's fees. The project timeline is May 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012.' And those dates are just the parameters for the actual grant. We do not anticipate that it's going to take that long."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to advertise for bid."

Councilman Murphy: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To advertise for bids, Kevin Tanski."
"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."
"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman Tanski: "Yes." Councilman Murphy: "Yes." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes." Councilman Patta: "Yes."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

"Joe Magrey."

Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

President Pucci: "The next item is Conditional Use Approval for 8707 Memphis Avenue. Request for Council Confirmation regarding Up To Bat West, LLC, 8707 Memphis Avenue. 'Dear members of Council. At a regular meeting of the Brooklyn Planning Commission held on August 4, 2011, Jose Aviles, representing Up To Bat West, LLC requested Similar Conditional Use Approval to locate a baseball school at the unfinished church building located at 8707 Memphis Avenue. The Planning Commission determined that a private baseball school is substantially similar to a municipal recreation facility, which is a conditional use in an MFPD, Multi-Family Planned District development. The Planning Commission approved this request pursuant to the City of Brooklyn's Zoning Code Section 1117.02(B). This approval by the Planning Commission requires confirmation by a majority vote of City Council. Mr. Aviles is aware that a certificate of occupancy will not be granted until exterior and interior finishes of the building and site improvements are substantially completed in accordance with the Planning Commission approval and applicable Building and Fire Codes. Sincerely, Thomas J. Ockington, Building Commissioner.' Does anyone on Council have any questions for either Mr. Ockington or Mr. Aviles? Okay."

Councilman Murphy: "Motion to approve."

Councilman DeMarco: "Second."

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Clerk Banish: "To approve the Conditional Use, Kevin Tanski." Councilman Tanski: "Yes."

"Tom Murphy." Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

"Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

"Tony DeMarco." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

"John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes."

"Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

"Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."
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President Pucci: "And as I stated at the beginning of the meeting, we will be going out of order to take Resolution 2011-7 at the end. So next will be **ORDINANCE 2011-45**, Authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances during 2011. I will go through quickly. We have a transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund to increase that fund balance to a level of \$710,000. A transfer of \$166,700 from the General Fund to the Landfill Closure Trust Fund. A transfer of \$143,425.44 from the General Fund to the Safety Forces Construction Fund representing the real property tax collected for the tax levy associated with the construction of the Fire Station. A transfer of \$150,000 from the Plain Dealer Debt Service Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund. A transfer of \$171,044.58 from the Safety Forces Construction Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund for payment of principal and interest obligation of bonds issued to finance the construction of the Fire Station. And we will be passing this by emergency measure this evening so we can accommodate these transfers."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman DeMarco: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Tanski: "Second."

"Tony DeMarco."

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Clerk Banish: "To suspend the rules, Kevin Tanski."
                                                                Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
            "Tom Murphy."
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            "Kathy Pucci."
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            "Tony DeMarco."
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            "John Patta."
            "Colleen Gallagher."
                                                                Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
            "Joe Magrey."
                                                                Councilman Magrey: "Yes."
Clerk Banish: "To adopt, Kevin Tanski."
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Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
            "Tom Murphy."
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"John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes."
"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
"Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."
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President Pucci: "Next we have **ORDINANCE 2011-46**, Amended Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Amending Ordinance 2011-11, as amended by Ordinance 2011-36 entitled, 'An Ordinance to make appropriations for current and other expenditures of the City of Brooklyn, State of Ohio for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.'

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Tanski: "Second."

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Clerk Banish: "To suspend the rules, Kevin Tanski."
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            "Colleen Gallagher."
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            "Joe Magrey."
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Clerk Banish: "To adopt, Kevin Tanski."
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Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
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            "Joe Magrey."
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President Pucci: "And I just want to state for the record that most of these are internal movement of funds in the General Fund with no change. The only, the net effect is, the total appropriation will increase by \$4,500. Next is **ORDINANCE 2011-47**, Establishing the Fire Act Grant Fund within the City of Brooklyn. This is a housekeeping issue. We had a fund established previously by resolution, and it is more appropriate to establish that fund by ordinance. So that's what this is."

Councilman DeMarco: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Magrey: "Second."

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Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Clerk Banish: "To suspend the rules, Kevin Tanski."
            "Tom Murphy."
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            "Joe Magrey."
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Clerk Banish: "To adopt, Kevin Tanski."
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Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
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            "Joe Magrey."
                                                                  Councilman Magrey: "Yes."
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President Pucci: "Next is **2011-48**, Approving a Quit Claim Deed title transfer from the City of Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation for the sole purpose of developing the former library property located at 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio, 44144. Our first order of business, we need a motion

to amend. We're going to correct the word in the title from 'quick' to 'quit,' so it'll be 'Quit claim title.' And also the same change in the title in Exhibit A. So we need first a motion to amend."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to amend."

Councilman Magrey: "Second."

President Pucci: "Just a moment, Mary-Jo's pointing out Section 3. Section 3 in the second line also needs the same correction."

Councilman DeMarco: "Move to approve as amended."

Councilman Magrey: "Second."

President Pucci: "We need a motion to amend first."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "I did."

President Pucci: "So you need a second."

Councilman DeMarco: "Second."

President Pucci: "Thank you."

Clerk Banish: "To amend, Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Joe Magrey."

Councilman Tanski: "Yes."

Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "Yes."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Now we need a motion to suspend rules and adopt."

Councilman Tanski: "Motion to suspend the rules."

Councilman DeMarco: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Magrey: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To suspend the rules, Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

"John Patta."

"Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "Yes."

"Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

Clerk Banish: "To adopt, as amended, Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco."

Councilman Tanski: "Yes."

Councilman Murphy: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."

"Tony DeMarco." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes"
"John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes."

"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

"Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2011-49**, Authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to donate abandoned bicycles and bicycle parts. And basically this will authorize the Mayor and the Chief, if they have

bicycle and bicycle parts for more than 90 days, and they are not needed for any municipal purpose, they will donate them to a future named non-profit corporation. And I suspect you want this passed tonight so you can dispose of them? So we'll pass this by emergency measure."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Introduced by all..."

Councilman DeMarco: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Magrey: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To suspend the rules, Kevin Tanski."

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Clerk Banish: "To adopt, Kevin Tanski."

"Tom Murphy."
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"Joe Magrey."

Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."
Councilman Patta: "Yes."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
Councilman DeMarco: "Yes."
Councilman Patta: "Yes."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Okay, prior to addressing Resolution 2011-7, which relates to fact finder's recommendation regarding the collective bargaining agreement with our firefighters, we will adjourn to an executive session, and then normally when we come out of executive session we do not take action, this evening we do anticipate taking action. So if there is anyone who is interested, you're more than welcome to stay. And before we do that, does the Mayor or any member of Council have anything else they'd like to say prior to this Resolution?"

Councilman Murphy: "Oh, this Resolution?"

President Pucci: "Prior to the Resolution. We're going into executive session, is there anything else anyone has to say? Mayor?"

Councilman Murphy: "I'd like to congratulate Jose for coming into the city. We appreciate it."

President Pucci: "Yes, and welcome to Brooklyn. We're very happy you're here. And we look forward to a good relationship with you in the future. Thank you very much."

Councilman Magrey: "May I be recognized?"

President Pucci: "Yes, Mr. Magrey."

Councilman Magrey: "I want to say thank you very much for taking over a facility that was an eyesore. And I'd also like to congratulate Fran Migliorino for working on the redevelopment of the property that was dilapidated. It was an eyesore for a very long time, it hasn't been used for 10 years. And I appreciate your efforts in moving on with this to help Brooklyn develop this property into something better. So thank you for your efforts."

President Pucci: "And actually, just so the public is aware, we were using it for some storage of records; but it's been, I believe, 19 years since that was used as a library. So... Okay, I need a motion to go into executive session. First we will go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel with our Law Director. After that we will continue with the executive session to discuss labor negotiations with our Law Director and our outside counsel. And of course the Mayor is included in both of those meetings."

Councilman Tanski: "Motion to move to executive session."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To adjourn to executive session, Kevin Tanski." Councilman Tanski: "Yes." "Tom Murphy." Councilman Murphy: "Yes." "Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes." "Tony DeMarco." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes." "John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes."

> Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes." "Colleen Gallagher." "Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THEN RECONVENED.

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to reconvene."

Councilman Magrey: "Second."

President Pucci: "We have a motion and a second to reconvene."

Clerk Banish: "To reconvene, Kevin Tanski." Councilman Tanski: "Yes." Councilman Murphy: "Yes." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes." "Tom Murphy." "Kathy Pucci."

"Tony DeMarco." "John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes."

"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes." "Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Okay, our final piece of legislation this evening is **RESOLUTION 2011-7**, To authorize the city to accept the fact finder's recommendations regarding the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Brooklyn, Ohio and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1145. And we do want to pass this this evening by emergency measure."

Councilman DeMarco: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Magrey: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Tanski: "Second."

Clerk Banish: "To suspend the rules, Kevin Tanski." Councilman Tanski: "Yes."

"Tom Murphy." Councilman Murphy: "Yes." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes." "Kathy Pucci." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes." "Tony DeMarco." "John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes." "Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."

"Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

Clerk Banish: "To adopt, Kevin Tanski." Councilman Tanski: "Yes."

Councilman Murphy: "Yes." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes." "Tom Murphy." "Kathy Pucci." "Tony DeMarco." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes." Councilman Patta: "Yes.' "John Patta.'

"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes." "Joe Magrey." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."

Councilman DeMarco: "Motion to adjourn."

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Councilman Tanski: "Second."	
Councilman Magrey: "Second."	
Clerk Banish: "To adjourn, Kevin Tanski." "Tom Murphy." "Kathy Pucci." "Tony DeMarco." "John Patta." "Colleen Gallagher." "Joe Magrey."	Councilman Tanski: "Yes." Councilman Murphy: "Yes." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes." Councilman DeMarco: "Yes." Councilman Patta: "Yes." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes." Councilman Magrey: "Yes."
Meeting adjourned.	
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